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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/HRA/SFCP : PROJECT 03-176-R, "AN AGREEMENT  
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AND A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EGYPTIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN  
THE U.S."

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CONTENTS OF SUBJECT COMMUNICATION HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH  
DR. WALSH, PRESIDENT, PROJECT HOPE, AND THE FOLLOWING IS A  
JOINT RESPONSE:

1. MOH INDICATED UNHAPPINESS ABOUT SMALL NUMBER OF GOE  
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NOMINEES PROCESSED IN 1976. WE TOO ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS  
SITUATION, HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES  
MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION:

(A) "THE FIRST APPLICATIONS WERE NOT RECEIVED UNTIL LATE  
JULY 1976, TOO LATE TO OBTAIN SPACE IN TRAINING COURSES  
STARTING IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER."

(B) "MANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED CONTAINED INSUFFICIENT DATA, FOR COOPERATING INSTITUTION TO PROPERLY PLACE, NECESSITATING ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION WITH APPLICANT."

(C) "WITH THE PASSAGE OF P.L. 94-484 (HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1976), THE STATUS OF FIVE APPLICANTS WERE PLACED IN QUESTION PENDING INTERPRETATION OF THIS NEW LAW. DUE TO RESTRICTIONS OF NEW LAW PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR THESE APPLICANTS BEING CHANGED TO SHORT TERM OBSERVER PROGRAMS."

(D) "MOH INDICATES 23 APPLICANTS FOR 1976 PROGRAM. OUR RECORDS SHOW ONLY 14 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, ONE OF WHICH WAS DISQUALIFIED BY THE SECRETARIAT DURING ITS OCTOBER MEETING."

2. DHEW CONCURS WITH BADRAN'S VIEW THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PLAY ACTIVE ROLES IN PROGRAM AND IT IS NOT DHEW'S INTENT TO NEGATE THIS ROLE BY AMENDING AGREEMENT TO DELEGATE OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PROJECT HOPE. RATHER THE INTENT IS TO ELIMINATE CUMBERSOME ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, EXCESSIVE COMMUNICATION, ETC., THEREBY STEAMLINING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE FOR THE PROGRAM. IN THIS ROLE, PROJECT HOPE MUST BE PROVIDED SUFFICIENT AUTONOMY TO CARRY OUT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. IT MUST ALSO BE RECOGNIZED THAT PROJECT HOPE, AS AN EQUAL PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT, PROVIDES THE U.S. DOLLAR SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM.  
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DHEW IN NO WAY WITHDRAWS FROM THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, BUT MAINTAINS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY AS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

3. DHEW CONCURS WITH PARAGRAPH 6 OF REF. DHEW EXERCISES NO JURISDICTION OVER HOPE'S VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS AND REQUESTS THAT COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THOSE PROGRAMS BE DIRECTED TO PROJECT HOPE IN THE FUTURE.

DR. WALSH, PRESIDENT OF PROJECT HOPE HAS REQUESTED DHEW TO PROVIDE EMBASSY FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO RFF CONCERNING HOPE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS:

(A) "PROJECT HOPE CONCURS THAT ITS OWN PROGRAM IS SPREAD TOO THIN. HOWEVER, THIS WAS DONE AT THE INSISTANCE OF BADRAN AND WITH CONCURRENCE OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS WHEN PROJECT HOPE WAS FIRST INVITED INTO EGYPT. PROJECT HOPE INITIALLY SUGGESTED PRIMARY INVOLVEMENT AT ONE UNIVERSITY."  
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(B) "PROJECT HOPE AGREEMENT ORIGINALLY AND STILL WITH MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND NOT WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH. MOH HAS REQUESTED FURTHER THAT PROJECT HOPE NOW SPREAD ITS EXISTING PERSONNEL TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH PROJECTS. PROJECT HOPE WOULD PREFER TO CONCENTRATE ACTIVITIES IN ONE OR THE OTHER UNIVERSITIES AND IS NOT INTERESTED IN SPREADING CONSULTANTS INTO OTHER AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY." "

(C) "NO PROJECT HOPE ADVISORS HAVE BEEN SENT TO EGYPT DURING SUMMER, SPRING OR ANY OTHER VACATION PERIODS. IN AN ISOLATED CASE, TWO CONSULTANTS IN THE DHEW/HOPE PROJECT ARRIVED IN EGYPT DURING AN UNSCHEDULED VACATION AS A RESULT OF THE RIOTS".

(D) "PROJECT HOPE HAS PROPOSED FOR PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WITHDRAWAL FROM PROGRAM UNLESS OPERATING RESPONSIBILITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAN BE CLEARLY ESTABLISHED. HEW AGREED PROJECT HOPE SHOULD HAVE OPERATING RESPONSIBILITY AND PRESENTED THAT VIEW TO BADRAN WITHIN PAST EIGHT WEEKS."

(E) "BADRAN HAS MET WITH PROJECT HOPE PEOPLE WITHIN PAST EIGHT WEEKS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROJECT HOPE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM AND CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH HEW. APPARENTLY, IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR. BENNETT MAY MEET WITH BADRAN BUT BENNETT WAS PRESENT AT PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS."

PROJECT HOPE REFUSES TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLEGED ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES. PROJECT HOPE INSISTS EGYPTIAN SIDE AS WELL AS HEW SIDE ARE ALL PARTNERS IN THIS PROGRAM AND THE DELAYS ARE NOT THE FAULT OF PROJECT HOPE AS IMPLIED BY CABLE.  
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